

## HYRUM BENNETT NORTH



Hyrum Bennett North was born Dec. 16, 1840 at Lee County, Iowa, the son of Levi and Arminta Howard North. Married Leah Rebecca Davis 31 December 1862 in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. Married Priscilla Jane Blair April 5, 1869 in the Endowment House. Hyrum died May 23, 1915 at his home.

When Hyrum Bennett North was twelve years of age, he and his family came to Utah with the Robert Wimmer company and settled in Mill Creek. It was here that he grew up and met and later married Leah Rebecca Davis and Priscilla Jane Blair.

The families moved from Mill Creek to Midway Dec. 16, 1871. They owned and operated a small grocery store near the Huffaker ranch in Stringtown. He then

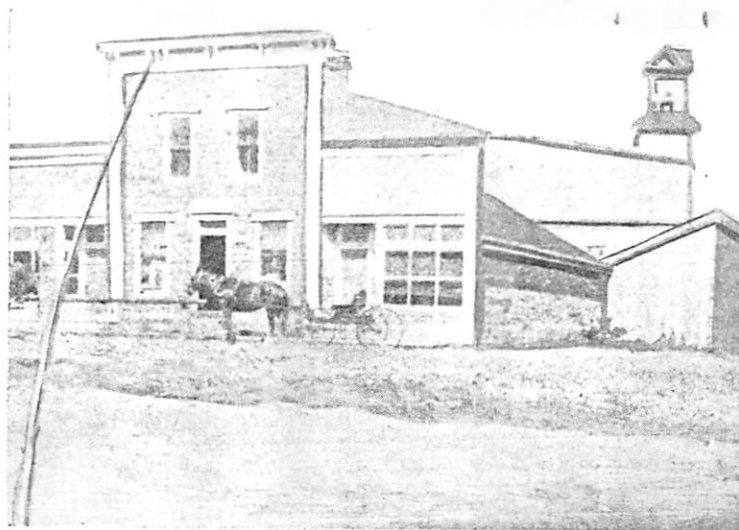
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bought a 160-acre farm about a mile south from the store and part of it has remained in the family through the years.

Mr. North played the violin in an orchestra at the dances. He had a great love for his family and taught them the gospel and to live good, honest lives. On April 30, 1862, Hyrum was enrolled as a member of Captain Smith's company of Utah Cavalry Volunteers. He was an ordained Seventy in the church. Hyrum and Leah had 13 children: Levi and Elizabeth (twins), Hyrum Thomas, Charles David, Amos, Mary Arminta, Merari Franklin, Leah Alwilda, Malinda Jane, Phebe Albertina, Perry Davis, Eunice Ann, Martha Almira.

Hyrum and Priscilla had 11 children: William Harrison, Webster Howard, Arthur Mormon, Asahel Albert, Milton Blair, Edith Priscilla, Alma, George Addison, Royal Exile, Warren Lyman, Lorin Harvey. 1032



The Charleston Co-Operative Store, established by Joseph R. Murdock. This was the first co-op store in the valley and grew to have the largest business volume of any store in the county at that time.

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The North Mercantile Store in Charleston, one of the community's prosperous business firms for many years. It was closed down when the Deer Creek project inundated the area.

## WILLIAM H. AND CAROLINE STEADMAN NORTH



William H. North born May 14, 1870 in Mill Creek, Salt Lake County, Utah, oldest son of Hyrum B. and Prescilla Jane Blair North. He came with his parents to Midway when he was two years old, later moving to the south end of Midway called Stringtown. When the division was made between Charleston and Midway they were in the Charleston District, three miles from the town of Charleston.

When nine years of age, William received a bruise on his knee causing a bone infection which was very painful and stopped him from going to school. There were no doctors in the county at that time but the leg broke open and finally healed by itself.

When twenty-one years old William worked out for wages. The wages were poor, only about \$15.00 a month, and the work was hard, so he decided if he worked

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as hard for himself he could be well off. He returned home, bought a small farm and started to work for himself. He built a small home on the farm and on Dec. 15, 1897 he married Caroline Steadman in the Salt Lake Temple.

In 1904 he started in the creamery business and still continued to farm. He overworked causing the bone infection to return in his leg, but he continued to go around on crutches, even going to school the winter of 1908-09. The pain became so severe that he went to the hospital in September 1909 and was operated on, but still had to go on crutches. He couldn't work so he sold the creamery in December 1910.

In November 1910 he bought a home in Charleston so it would be easier to get the children to school as there was no transportation to school. Here he farmed and operated a dairy with the help of the small children, since he was still on crutches.

In the fall of 1915 he again went in the creamery business for about two years. He again sold the creamery and bought the Charleston Co-op in September 1917 which he operated until he built a new store building in 1922, called the North Mercantile Co. which he operated up until the time of his death.

In 1927 his wife died. They were the parents of five children: Nellie North Farnsworth, Alta North Johnson Childs, Amber North Lefler Mahoney, Mill H. North and Almeda North who died at seven months of age.

William H. North died Aug. 31, 1935, at his home in Charleston.

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